Discussion with Bangladesh over Ganga Water Sharing

1710. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there was a meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Commission of experts to discuss sharing of water from Ganga and other common rivers; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee of Experts was held at Dhaka in March, 1993 to discuss sharing of waters of Ganga and other major rivers. The two sides held in-depth discussions to work for an equitable, long-term and comprehensive arrangement for sharing of flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers.

Cauvery Water Issue

1711. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government held talks with State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to work out their differences over the Cauvery river waters issue;

(b) if so, whether an agreed formula in this regard has been found so far by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof as well as the present situation particularly in the wake of fast undertaken by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu over the Issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) to (c) On June 2, 1990, the Government of India has constituted Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and referred to it for adjudication the water dispute regarding inter-State river Cauvery emerging from the letter of Government of Tamil Nadu. As per the interim Order of the Tribunal of 25-6-1991, among other things, Karnataka is required to release water from its reservoir so as to ensure 205 Thousand Million Cubic Feet of water in Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu in a year in regulated manner. The Central Govt, has notified the order of the Tribunal on 10-12-91 making it final and binding on the party States.

In the wake of fast undertaken by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Union Minister of Water Resources & Parliamentary Affairs recently visited Tamil Nadu & Karnataka and discussed the matter with their Chief Ministers.

Forecasting of Flood Situation in Andhra Pradesh

1712. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Flood and Forecasting Division of the Central Water Commission is monitoring the potentiality of flood situation on the River Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any forecast has been made on a tentative basis oft the flood situation on the River Godavari in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of the forecast made for this year on the flood situation of River Godavari ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Flood Forecasting Division of Central Water Commission monitors the potentiality of flood situation on the Godavari river in Andhra Pradesh and issues forecasts for floods at different stations whenever water level in the river rises above the warning levels.

(b) and (c) Over 20 forecasts have been issued so far in the monsoon of this year (1993).

Operational Stations of CWC on River Godavari

1713. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 10 out of 13 operational stations of Central Water Commission are operating on the river Godavari:

(b) what are the locations of the 10 operational stations of CWC on River Godavari;